

DORCUS ALFORD.

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JANUARY 15, 1889.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 10474.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10474) granting a pension to Dorcus Alford, have considered the same and report as follows:

The husband of the claimant, James Alford, was an ensign in Captain Young Mann's Company of Georgia Infantry, in the Indian war of 1836, and was honorably discharged therefrom.

The claimant is now seventy-five years of age, without property of any kind, and in very needy circumstances. These facts are shown by the testimony of reliable neighbors, and by the postmaster of the town in which she resides.

Your committee are of the opinion that she should be granted a service pension, and therefore report back the bill to the House recommending its passage. Amend, however, by striking out the words "third lieutenant," in line 7, and inserting the word "ensign" in their place.